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Chairman Kevin Martin  
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Dear Chairman Martin,

There is a great digital divide among many of my constituents and it is critical that we close this divide as quickly as possible. Access to the Internet should not be limited because of where someone lives or the economic background.

It has come to my attention that a proposal to provide free, family-friendly wireless broadband internet access is being reviewed by the FCC. I think this proposal is a wonderful idea. Not only will the service be able to reach those living in rural areas, it will also be accessible to those otherwise unable to receive internet access.

I urge you to carefully consider this tremendous opportunity to provide fast, free, family-friendly wireless broadband internet access to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Faye R. Higgins, Chairman  
Caldwell County Commissioners

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